GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:720
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000
JAI VIGYAN MISSION
ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

whether the Government have decided to orient the Jai Vigyan Technology mission to

(a) the needs and requirement of the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the projects undertaken thereunder; and

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Government to the mission during the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(PROF. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a), (b) & (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.720 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.05.2000-REGAF
JAI VIGYAN MISSION.

21 Jai Vigyan National S&T Mission projects are under implementation in large number of research institutes, universities, NGOs, etc. coordinated by ten Science Departments in different States across the country. The basic philosophy behind these mission programmes is science in the service of man. The programmes address major national issues such as food security, germplasm conservbation, herbal product development, crop improvement, development of new vaccines and diagnostics, development of a Light Transport Aircraft (LTA), setting up of a National Botanical Garden, Baraille literacy, Software development for Indian Languages, ocean thermal energy conversion, application of nuclear technology in medicine and control of thalassemia and rheumatic fever, technology for visual impairment, disaster management for himalayan region, area development for Adnaman & Nicobar Islands, development of a remote medical diagnostic system and use of remote sensing technology for disaster management and study of the cropping systems. In some of the projects like the nutrition and food security almost all States are covered. The results from these missions would be harnessed for the whole country.

The cost of the projects is about Rs.390 crores for a period of 3 years and Rs. 50 crores have been released so far. The current year release is expected to be about Rs.60 crores.